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SUBJECT: 2004-2006 STIP, Amendment No. 6

Dear Mr. Ottesen:

Our review of Amendment Number 6 for the 2004-2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program has been completed. Amendment Number 6 is approved.

For more information please contact Peter J. Serrano at 907-586-7422.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Schmidt  
Assistant Division Administrator

cc: Jennifer Bowman (FTA-Seattle)



# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

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August 2, 2004

Mr. David C. Miller  
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Attn: Peter Serrano, Planner

RE: 2004 - 2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #6  
– request for revised amendment

Dear Mr. Miller:

As requested, we are submitting a revised amendment (from the 2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill) to the STIP. Projects are:

### Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities (FBD)

#### **Akutan Ferry Planning and Design**

Fund the planning and design associated with a ferry connection from the community of Akutan to the other side of the bay.

\$1,250,000 will be used for design in FFY '04

Total: \$1,250,000 – \$1,000,000 federal, \$250,000 local match

#### **Coffman Cove/ Wrangell Petersburg Ferries and Ferry Facilities**

Construct IFA northern ferry and supporting ferry terminal facilities (AHS route per 17 AAC 05.170 b(1)).

Funding will be used for design and construction in FFY '04

Total ('04 earmark only) \$2,500,000 – \$2,000,000 federal, \$500,000 state match

Total Project Funding in FFY '04

Design \$300,000 Construction \$20,299,969

\$13,837,975 federal FBD, \$2,642,000 federal High Priority, \$4,119,994 state match

**TEA-21 Set aside (Alaska, Washington, New Jersey) providing funding for**

- Ferry: Columbia Refurbishment 1

Refurbish accommodation spaces and machinery. Blast and paint decks, tanks and voids. Install improved fire dampers, sprinkler, humidification, and PA system. Upgrade electrical systems. Install computer network equipment. Install voyage data recorders. Replace car-deck watertight side doors. Improve wheelchair access. Re-engine the vessel. Upgrade galley and dining room facility.

Funding will be used for construction in FFY'04

\$8,000,000 total – \$6,400,000 federal, \$1,600,000 state match

- Ferry: Kennicott Refurbishment 1

Renovate crew and public spaces, main engines, generators, vehicle elevator, other machinery, wiring, electrical equipment, ventilation, piping, drainage system, sanitary system, and other components as necessary. Install voyage data recorders. Install computer network equipment.

Funding will be used for construction in FFY'04

\$5,600,000 total – \$4,480,000 federal, \$1,120,000 state match

**National Corridor Planning and Border Development Program**

**Arctic Winter Games Transportation Improvements, Kenai Peninsula Borough**

Construct transportation improvements to sports venue sites for the Arctic Winter Games within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Sites include the Soldotna Sports Arena, the Homer Ice Skating Arena and other sites as funding allows. Funds will be transferred and administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

\$180,000 will be used for design in FFY '04 and \$1,070,000 for construction in FFY '05  
\$1,250,000 total – \$1,000,000 federal, \$250,000 local match

**Ft. Wainwright Alternative Access & Chena River Crossing, Fairbanks North Star Borough**

Extend Dennis Road and provide a new bridge across the Chena River to access lands east of Ft. Wainwright.

\$250,000 will be used for design and \$150,000 will be used for right of way in FFY 05,  
\$210,000 will be used for utilities and \$6,150,000 in construction in FFY '07  
\$6,760,000 total – \$5,700,000 federal, \$1,060,000 state

**Walden Point Road, Metlakatla**

In conjunction with Innovative Readiness Training, construct and pave the three phases of the 14.4-mile Walden Point Road, including relocation of the penstock and installation of guardrail and striping. Funds will be transferred to and administered by FHWA Western Federal Lands Division.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
\$2,200,000 total – \$2,000.0 federal, \$200,000 state

*Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program*

**Big Lake to Wasilla Pedestrian Trails, City of Wasilla**

Construct approximately 25 miles of gravel surface trail between City of Wasilla trail system and Big Lake.

\$250,000 will be used for design in FFY '04 and \$250,000 will be used for construction in FFY '05  
\$500,000 total – \$500,000 federal

*Bridge Discretionary Program*

**Funny River Bridge Crossing, Kenai Peninsula Borough**

Construct a new bridge over Kenai River at Scout Loop Road.

\$750,000 will be used for design in FFY '04, \$100,000 will be used for right of way in FFY '05, and \$5,400,000  
\$6,250,000 total – federal \$5,000,000, \$1,250,000 local match

*Federal Lands Program*

**Chignik Road Improvements, Chignik**

Construct approximately 21 miles of new gravel road linking the communities of Chignik (Bay), Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik Lake.

Funding will be used for design in FFY '04  
\$2,100,000 total – \$2,100,000 federal

**Glacier Creek/Nome Bypass, Nome**

Construct three miles of Glacier Creek Road on a new alignment. Install culverts and resurface.

Funding will be used for construction, right of way, or design in FFY '04  
\$3,000,000 total – \$3,000,000 federal

McCarthy Creek Tram, McCarthy

Construct a 200 ft. tram across McCarthy Creek along the McCarthy-May Creek Road. Funds will be transferred to and administered by FHWA Western Federal Lands Division.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
\$200,000 total – \$200,000 federal

These projects are newly apportioned federal earmarks. The STIP remains fiscally constrained. We will add the section 115 earmarks to the STIP with a separate amendment.

Two projects referenced as Federal Lands projects in the FHWA letter dated July 6<sup>th</sup> are not included with this amendment because they are Section 115 projects. They are,

- **False Pass, Causeway and road to the terminus of the south arm breakwater and,**
- **Donlin Creek Road**

This STIP amendment was developed in compliance with Title 23 - Section 135 and the State Planning Regulations. Projects that are in air quality non-attainment areas are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Sincerely,



Mike Barton  
Commissioner

cc: Jennifer Bowman, Community Planner, FTA Region X

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June 14, 2004

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Attn: Peter Serrano, Planner

RE: 2004 - 2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #6

Dear Mr. Miller:

We propose to add earmarked highway projects (from the 2004 Consolidated Appropriations bill) to the STIP. They are (dollars in thousands),

### Ferry Boats and Ferry Terminal Facilities

#### **Akutan Ferry Planning and Design**

Funding to promote marine/road alternatives in the Airport Master Plan.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04

Total: 1,250, 1,000.0 federal, 250.0 local match

#### **Coffman Cove/ Wrangell Petersburg Ferries and Ferry Facilities**

Construct IFA northern ferry and supporting ferry terminal facilities (AHS route per 17 AAC 05.170 b(1)).

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04

Total ('04 earmark only) 2,500.0, 2,000.0 federal, 500.0 state match

**TEA-21 Set aside (Alaska, Washington, New Jersey) providing funding for**

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Refurbish accommodation spaces and machinery. Blast and paint decks, tanks and voids. Install improved fire dampers, sprinkler, humidification, and PA system. Upgrade electrical systems. Install computer network equipment. Install voyage data recorders. Replace car deck watertight side doors. Improve wheelchair access. Re-engine the vessel. Upgrade galley and dining room facility.

Funding will be used for construction in FFY'04  
8,000.0 total, 6,400.0 federal, 1,600.0 state match

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Renovate crew and public spaces, main engines, generators, vehicle elevator, other machinery, wiring, electrical equipment, ventilation, piping, drainage system, sanitary system, and other components as necessary. Install voyage data recorders. Install computer network equipment.

Funding will be used for construction in FFY'04  
5,600.0 total, 4,480.0 federal, 1,120.0 state match

*National Corridor Planning and Border Development Program*

**Arctic Winter Games Transportation Improvements, Kenai Peninsula Borough**

Develop improvements on the Kenai Peninsula to accommodate the 2006 Arctic Winter Games.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
1,100.0 total, 1,000.0 federal, 100.0 local match

**Ft. Wainwright Alternative Access & Chena River Crossing, Fairbanks North Star Borough**

Extend Dennis Road and provide a new bridge across the Chena River to access lands east of Ft. Wainwright.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
6,270.0 total, 5,700.0 federal, 570.0 state

**Walden Point Road, Metlakatla**

In conjunction with Innovative Readiness Training, construct and pave the three phases of the 14.4-mile Walden Point Road, including relocation of the penstock and installation of guardrail and striping. Funds will be transferred to and administered by FHWA Western Federal Lands Division.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
2,200.0 total, 2,000.0 federal, 200.0 state

**Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program****Big Lake to Wasilla Pedestrian Trails, City of Wasilla**

Construct app. 25 miles of gravel surface trail between City of Wasilla trail system and Big Lake.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
500.0 total, 500.0 federal

**Bridge Discretionary Program****Funny River Bridge Crossing, Kenai Peninsula Borough**

Construct a new bridge over Kenai River at Scout Loop Road.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
6,250.0 total, federal 5,000.0, 1,250.0 local

**Federal Lands Program****Chignik Road Improvements, Chignik**

Construct approximately 21 miles of new gravel road linking the communities of Chignik (Bay), Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik Lake.

Funding will be used for design in FFY '04  
2,100.0 total, 2,100.0 federal



**Glacier Creek/Nome Bypass, Nome**

Construct three miles of Glacier Creek Road on a new alignment. Install culverts and resurface.

Funding will be used for construction, right of way, or design in FFY '04  
3,000.0 total, 3,000.0 federal

**McCarthy Creek Tram, McCarthy**

Construct a 200 ft. tram across McCarthy Creek along the McCarthy-May Creek Road. Funds will be transferred to and administered by FHWA Western Federal Lands Division.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
200.0 total, 200.0 federal

*General Provisions – Federal Highway Administration (Section 115)*

**Nome Bypass Road Improvements, Nome**

Upgrade Nome Bypass Road. Work will include embankment stabilization, correct grade & sight distance problems, curve realignment, and paving.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
2,000.0 total, 2,000.0 federal

**Donlin Creek Road**

Design and construction of Yukon – Kuskokwim transportation corridor.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
10,000.0 total, 10,000.0 federal

**False Pass, Causeway and road to the terminus of the south arm breakwater, False Pass**

Develop road improvements in vicinity of small boat harbor.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
3,000.0 total, 3,000.0 federal

**Fairbanks Transit Bus Replacement, Fairbanks**

Provide funding to the Fairbanks North Star Borough to purchase nine buses for existing transit routes. Funds will be transferred to and administered by Federal Transit Administration.

Funding will be used to purchase buses in FFY '04  
3,000.0 total, 3,000.0 federal

**Girdwood Project, Girdwood**

Transportation improvements in Girdwood.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
1,000.0 total, 1,000.0 federal

**Keystone Road Reconstruction, Soldotna**

Rehab Keystone Avenue from the city boundary MP 2 to the end of road at MP 5. Work includes adding to road base to support hard surfacing, drainage improvements including culvert installations, clean out ditches and hard surfacing.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
1,500.0 total, 1,500.0 federal

**Knik Arm Crossing, Anchorage**

Design and construct a crossing of Knik Arm between Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough.

Funding will be used for design in FFY '04  
6,000.0 total, 6,000.0 federal

**Lucille Street and Mack Drive Improvements, Wasilla**

Improvements to Lucille and Mack Drive in Wasilla.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
1,000.0 total, 1,000.0 federal

**Matanuska - Susitna Borough, Road Improvements**

Improve roads in the MatSu Borough.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
3,000.0 total, 3,000.0 federal in '04

**North Pole Roads Lighting, North Pole**

This project will provide for the design and construction of roadway illumination in all residential areas within the City of North Pole.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
950.0 total, 950.0 federal

**North Slope Borough Road Improvements**

Improvement of local roads within the North Slope Borough.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
3,000.0 total, 3,000.0 federal

**Port of Ketchikan Ferry Facility, Ketchikan**

Scope of work to be determined.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
1,000.0 total, 1,000.0 federal

**Seldovia, Homer, Jakalof Bay, Halibut Cove Ferry**

Planning and design.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
2,000.0 total, 2,000.0 federal

**Sitka Road Improvements (Sitka: Japonski Island Streets and Utilities)**

Upgrade of streets and utilities to city standards and dedication of right-of-way for city assumption of maintenance and operation.

Funding will be used for construction in FFY '04  
1,500.0 total, 1,500.0 federal

**Seward Road Improvements, Seward**

Improvements to area roads including Nash road.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
2,000.0 total, 2,000.0 federal

**University of Alaska Transportation Research Center, Fairbanks**

Research center to be located at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks.

Funding will be used for all phases of work in FFY '04  
2,000.0 total, 2,000.0 federal

**Williamsport/Pile Bay Road**

Rehabilitate and widen the 15.5 mile gravel surface haul road connecting Lower Cook Inlet at Williamsport with the Interior of Southwest Alaska at Illiama Lake. Include drainage improvements, culvert installation & replacement and clearing and grubbing. Replace or repair two bridges: Timberline Creek bridge#1321 and Four mile Creek Bridge #1235. Construct parking/staging areas at each end of the road.

Funding will be used for design and right of way in '04 and '06, utilities and construction beyond '06  
3,000.0 total, 1,600.0 federal in '04, 940.0 federal in '06, 460.0 federal beyond '06

Besides the general provision (section 115) earmarks, listed projects are federal earmarks resulting in no net change in total project cost. Section 115 projects will use regular program funds. We estimate Congress will increase regular program funds by the same amount of the section 115 projects. The STIP remains fiscally constrained.

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